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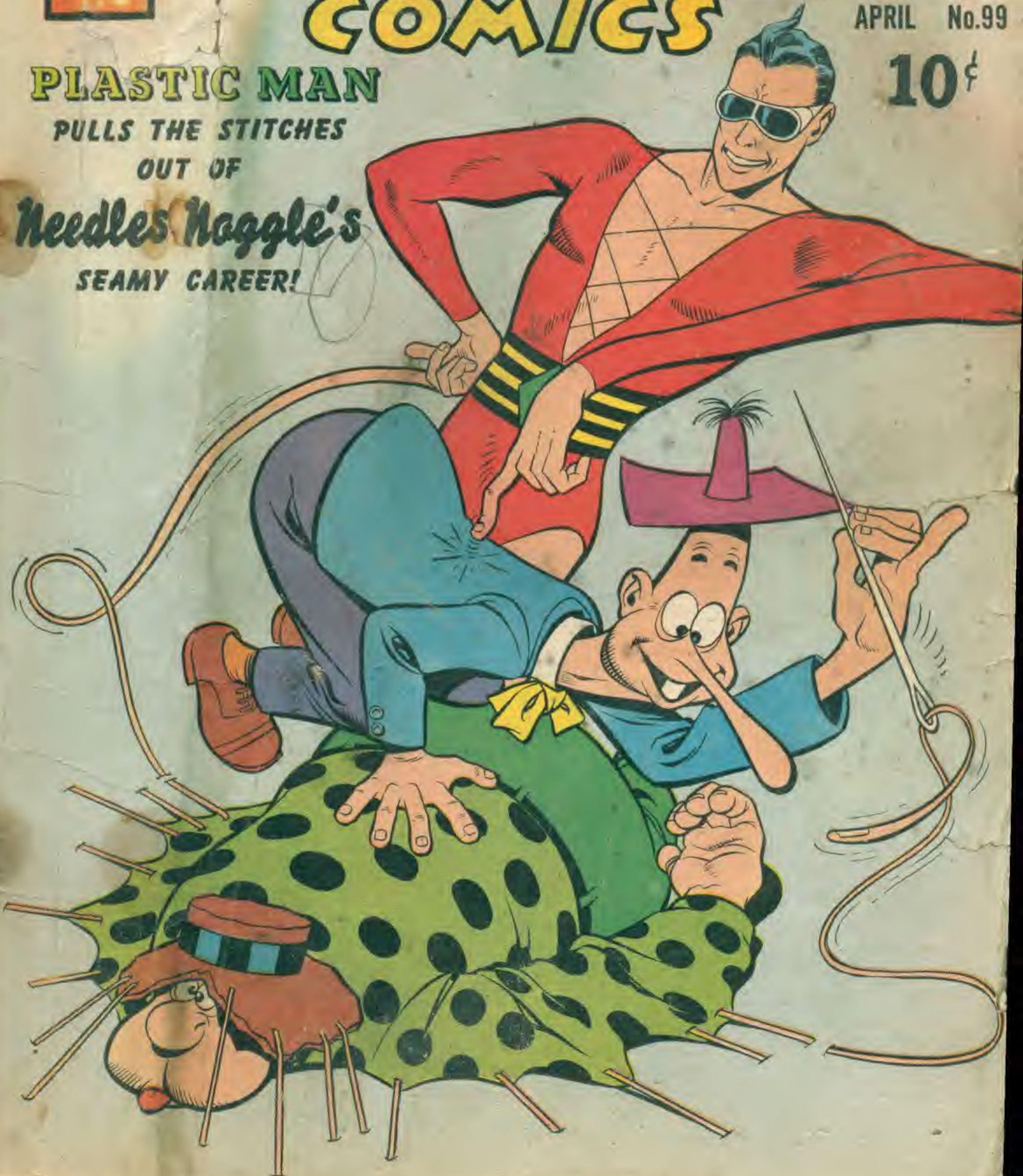
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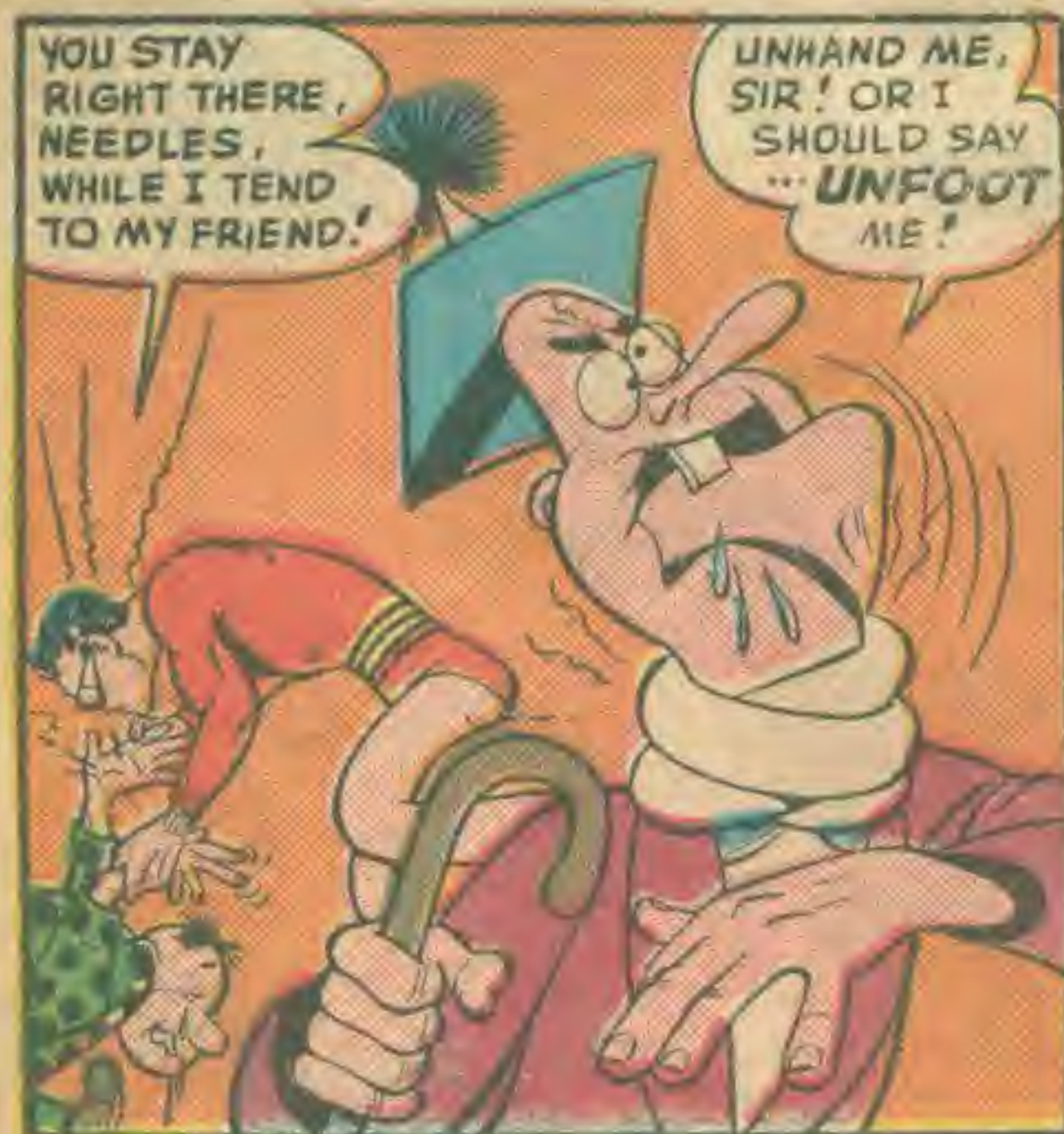








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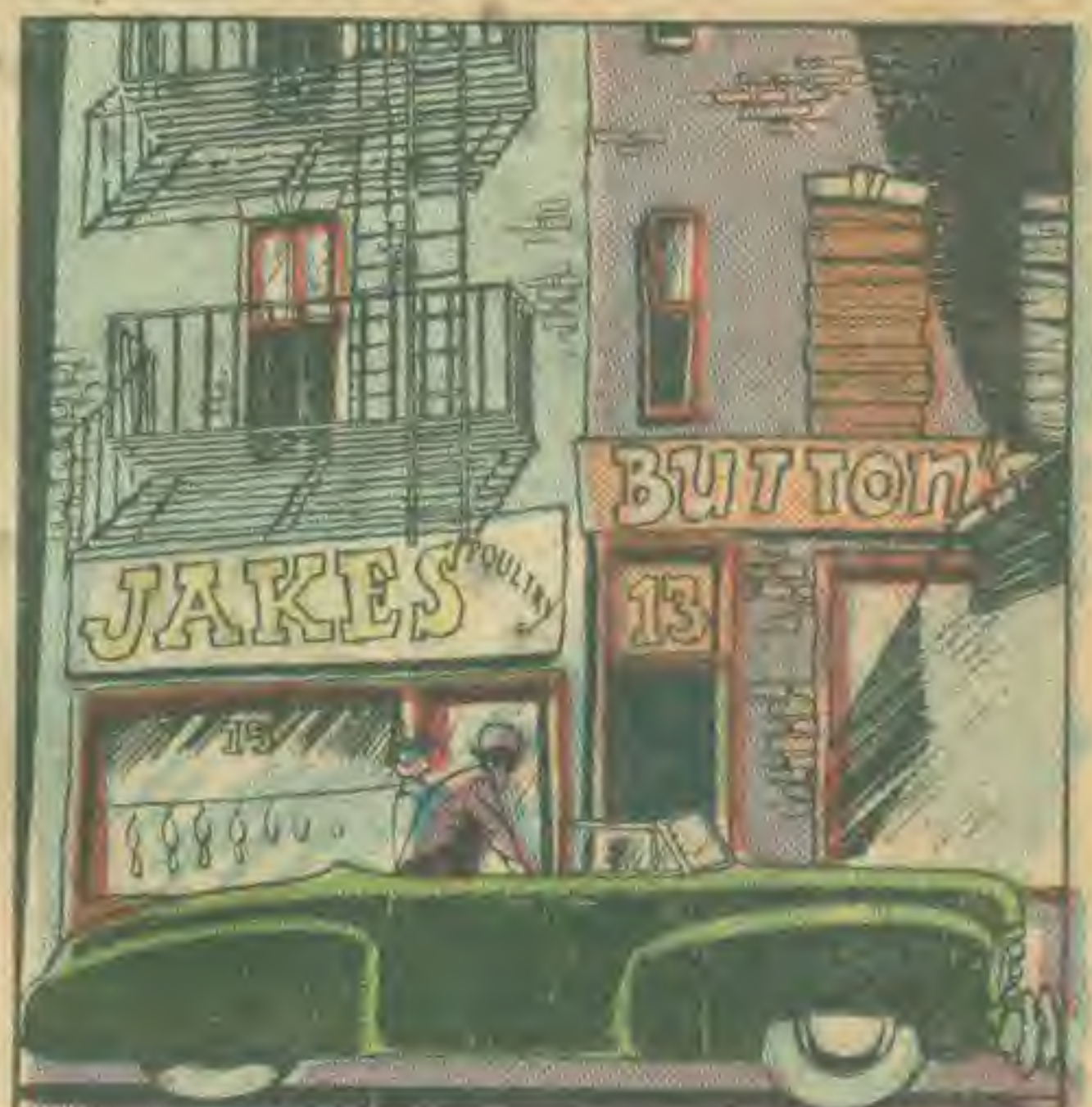
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HIYA?



HERE, YOU'RE PIXIFIED!
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Meanwhile...

WE ARE SORRY, OLD MAN... EVEN IF THERE **WAS** GOLD THERE, IT WOULD COST TOO MUCH TO FIND OUT!

YOU ARE HARDLY A RESPONSIBLE-LOOKING PARTY!



BUT I'M BROKE... I'M STARVING... I...

BEAT IT, BO! THAT GOLD MINE MUST BE A FAKE TO BE IN YOUR HANDS!



And so the grind marches on... JOKE! GET IT?
GRIND? GRINDING GEARS? REVERSE? Oh, you don't
like it? HMPF!



Police headquarters...

SURE, IT'S A SMALL CASE, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO START AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER IN THIS BUSINESS!

OKAY, OKAY! BUT, WHO AST YO' TO PUT THE LADDER DOWN A MANHOLE? A PRINT-SHOP ROBBERY... PHOOEY!



...Wildwood...

OBVIOUSLY, THE MAN WHO WOULD HOLD UP A PRINTER FOR SOME STOCK CERTIFICATES WAS NO ORDINARY CROOK! BEING BROKE, HE TOOK THEM TO FORGE AND SELL!

NATTERALLY! PRE-ZACKLY WHAT AH WUZ JES' ABOUT TO DE-DUCK! AH WILL PRE-SEED FUM HERE!



Meanwhile...

MR. POWERS, IT IS THE SAD DUTY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOLD STOCK YOU BOUGHT WAS NEVER REGISTERED WITH THE S.E.C. IN WASHINGTON!

YOU HAVE SPENT OUR MONEY HASTILY!

YOU ARE SLIPPING ...

...AND BEING USELESS TO THE CARTEL, WE ARE FORCING YOU OUT...

...WITHOUT A PENNY TO YOUR NAME!

BUT, BUT, I CAN EX...

THIS WAY OUT, DOPE!



But, looka here...

YOUR NEW CAR IS HERE, SIR! SHALL WE CREDIT YOUR ACCOUNT?

THE ENGINEERS ARE LEAVING TO TEST YOUR MINE WITH THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT!

FINE, FINE! HERE, PAY ALL EXPENSES IN CASH!



...and three weeks later...

GENTLEMEN... HERE IS THE FIRST SAMPLING OF THE MINE!

SPLENDID! SEND THIS TO THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS!

POOR POWERS, IF WE HADN'T BEEN SO HASTY... OH, WELL!





The Sealed Room

THE huge old house where Pill Paley and his tough Ninety-Ninth Street Smashers had headquarters was a grim fortress. Its walls were reinforced against bullets, gas, grenades. Its doors were four-fold steel. Its windows had close-set bars without, airtight shutters within. Short of an atomic bomb, the place should have been immune to attack.

But in through the plumbing fixture writhed Plastic Man, lean as a snake and sixty times as dangerous. By the time the armed guards on the lower floor saw him and drew their guns, he was somewhere else—up the dumb waiter to the floor above. Pill Paley saw Plastic Man loom in the door of his private office and reached for the gun in his armpit holster. From across the room Plastic Man's arm shot out and got the gun first. After that, it was all over but the suffering.

As the gangsters rushed upstairs to help their chief, Pill Paley's flying body mowed them down halfway between floors. After Pill came Plastic Man himself, a hurtling projectile of conquest, arms and legs darting and striking in all directions. Nobody escaped in that den. Within seconds it was all over. The patrol wagon that drew up in front received a cargo of beaten, surrendered gangsters.

All this was observed with grim satisfaction by Soapy Stumps, lounging in his car on the side street. He had been second-in-command to Pill Paley—now Pill Paley was removed from Soapy's way to higher command. A lone figure darted from a broken window and ran toward him. Soapy recognized it.

"Jump in with me, Lob!" he yelled, and the fugitive did so. Soapy trod on the gas and they moved away fast.

"You and me, Lob," grinned Soapy. "We're the only ones left. The fewer the better. It was me phoned in the tip to Plastic Man to catch Pill and the boys flat-footed."

"Good work, Soapy," applauded Lob. "Now what? If Plastic Man comes after us—"

"We'll dispose of him by disposing of his chief," said Soapy. "I got a date to show him something secret. Ever hear of murder in a sealed room? That's what'll happen to the F.B.I. chief in this district. C'mon, I'll show you."

Soapy did so. In a cellar on the edge of town he had created an apartment that could be closed even as to keyhole. In a rear corner crouched and glared a fearsome great ape. "That monk'll kill at my word," quoth Soapy. "The sealed door and walls will keep Plastic Man out. And, to lure his chief here—"

Rapidly Soapy applied makeup and shrugged into a red suit. "Look, Lob! Who am I now?"

"A fair imitation of Plastic Man," said Lob.

"Right. Now that chief guy will follow me without a question."

Thus disguised, Soapy departed. In due time he returned, leading the chief with him. Woozy trotted along.

"Stay outside, Woozy," bade Soapy, in his character of Plastic Man. "This is for the chief and me alone. Come on in, Chief. Now," and he fastened the door behind him, "meet my pal the monk. Monk! Pulverize this guy!"

The burly shape of the monster anthropoid lurched toward them. Suddenly, with a growl, it shot out its arms and seized—Soapy!

"Not me, you dumb brute," Soapy began to say, but the ape was stripping his disguise from him. Within seconds he stood revealed as the last member at large of the Ninety-Ninth Street Gang.

"Now that this is over," said the ape quietly, "I can shuck off this troublesome rig of my own."

Peeling away mask, fur and padding, Plastic Man emerged.

"Lob must have ratted to you!" snarled Soapy as the chief handcuffed him.

"He didn't say a word to me," said Plastic Man. "I captured him with the rest at Pill Paley's, but put on his clothes and changed my face to rush out and join you. So you yourself confessed the plan to me, thinking I was Lob."

The chief unlocked the door. "I still don't get it," groaned Soapy.

"Listen, I'll explain to Woozy," offered Plastic Man. "He'll explain to you. After an hour or so, he'll be sure it was all his idea, anyway."

MANHUNTER

PATROLMAN DAN RICHARDS ARRESTING *MANHUNTER*? OF COURSE THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE PATROLMAN DAN RICHARDS AND MIGHTY *MANHUNTER* ARE ONE AND THE SAME MAN! BUT IT'S HARDLY LESS LIKELY THAN THE STRANGE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT FOLLOW WHEN DAN RICHARDS IS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF BRINGING HIS ALTER EGO TO JUSTICE--- ON A CHARGE OF MURDER!

I CAUGHT YOU REDHANDED, *MANHUNTER*! DON'T MOVE!



IN ONE SENSE, THIS STORY BEGINS AT THE END! FOR THESE HEADLINES SPELL THE FINISH OF A GRUELING CHASE...



PUT THIS IN YOUR PAPER! I'M A LONG WAY FROM BEING WASHED UP! *MANHUNTER*'S TRYING TO FRAME ME FOR SOMETHIN' I DIDN'T DO! AND BEFORE I'M THROUGH HE'LL BE LOOKING OUT FROM BEHIND BARS!



AND AT THE PRECINCT STATION WHERE DAN RICHARDS IS A PATROLMAN!

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER TIP ON FRANKIE GREEN'S WHEREABOUTS! HE'S THE MISSING WITNESS WE NEED TO WRAP UP THE CASE AGAINST KILLER JORDAN! IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER FALSE LEAD, BUT...

I'LL CHECK ON IT, CAPTAIN!



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THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NEEDS FRANKIE GREEN'S TESTIMONY TO SEND JORDAN TO THE CHAIR! IF FRANKIE ISN'T FOUND IN TIME FOR THE TRIAL, JORDAN MAY STILL BEAT THE RAP!

THIS IS THE ADDRESS! HIS ROOM IS SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE THIRD FLOOR FRONT!

I'LL GO UP WITH YOU, DAN! THERE MAY BE TROUBLE!

MY GOODNESS! I'VE NEVER HAD TROUBLE WITH THE POLICE! MY TENANTS ARE ALL RESPECTABLE PEOPLE!

THE DOOR'S OPEN!



SUFFERING SNAKES!

EEEEEEK!

WELL, WE'VE FOUND FRANKIE GREEN, ALL RIGHT! BUT I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE SAYING MUCH FROM THE WITNESS STAND!

HE'S DEAD! SHOT TWICE! JORDAN'S HIRED GUNMEN GOT TO HIM BEFORE WE DID!

YOU'RE WRONG, DAN! JORDAN'S KILLERS DIDN'T DO THIS JOB! NOT ACCORDING TO THIS NOTE GREEN WAS HOLDING IN HIS HAND!



ULP!

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! THIS NOTE IS A FORGERY! MANHUNTER WOULD NEVER COMMIT MURDER!

IT LOOKS BAD, DAN! I KNOW YOU'RE A FRIEND OF MANHUNTER! BUT IF THE HANDWRITING ON THAT NOTE PROVES TO BE FRANKIE GREEN'S, YOUR FRIEND MANHUNTER'S GOING TO BE IN A JAM!

I'LL CALL HOMICIDE!

SOMEONE DROPPED THIS HANDKERCHIEF! IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE REAL MURDERER!



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LATER...

WE HAD THE NOTE CHECKED BY EXPERT GRAPHOLOGISTS! THERE'S NO DOUBT FRANKIE GREEN WROTE IT! THIS IS ONE JOB THAT SHOULD BE EASY FOR YOU TO HANDLE, RICHARDS!

BUT, CAPTAIN, I KNOW MANHUNTER IS INNOCENT!



THE COURTS WILL DECIDE THAT, AT THE PROPER TIME! I KNOW YOU'RE MANHUNTER'S FRIEND! BUT YOU CAN'T LET THAT FACT INTERFERE WITH YOUR DUTY!

I-I GUESS NOT, CAPTAIN!



REMEMBER! WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU ON THIS CASE! YOU'D BETTER NOT FAIL IF YOU VALUE YOUR JOB!

I'LL DO MY BEST!



BUT HOW CAN I? I CAN'T ARREST MYSELF! THAT WOULD EXPOSE MY IDENTITY AS MANHUNTER! HOW DID I EVER GET INTO SUCH A PREDICAMENT?



IN A DESERTED ALLEYWAY...

WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE OVER---AS MANHUNTER! THIS TIME I'M GOING TO PLAY THE ROLES OF BOTH THE HUNTER AND HUNTED!



GOOD OLD THOR! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE FAR AWAY! TAKE A GOOD SNIFF AT THIS HANDKERCHIEF! IT'S THE ONLY CLUE I'VE GOT!



THOR'S THE BEST BLOODHOUND THAT EVER WAS BRED! IF THERE'S ANY CHANCE OF PICKING UP THE TRAIL, HE'LL DO IT!

ARF! ARF!



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AND SOON... HMM? THIS CONFESSION WILL STAND UP IN COURT! IT PROVES KILLER JORDAN IS GUILTY, OR HE'D NEVER HAVE TRIED SUCH DESPERATE MEASURES TO SILENCE THE CHIEF WITNESS AGAINST HIM!



THAT MEANS MAN-HUNTER IS IN THE CLEAR, SIR!

BUT YOU'RE NOT, RICHARDS! YOUR ORDERS WERE TO BRING IN MANHUNTER! YOU FAILED IN THAT ASSIGNMENT!



I'M AFRAID YOU PUT FRIENDSHIP ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY, RICHARDS! IN THAT CASE, I'M FORCED TO SUSPEND YOU FROM...



BUT I *DID* BRING IN MANHUNTER, SIR! HE'S LOCKED UPSTAIRS IN THE DETENTION ROOM! WHY NOT GO AND SEE FOR YOURSELF?

MANHUNTER A PRISONER? I CERTAINLY *WILL* GO TO SEE THAT!

AND MEANWHILE I'LL GO THIS WAY!



THAT'S THE DETENTION ROOM WINDOW! I PURPOSELY LEFT IT UNLOCKED! I'LL JUST BE ABLE TO GET IN AND CHANGE TO MANHUNTER BEFORE THE CAPTAIN SHOWS UP!



BY HEAVEN, IT'S TRUE! THERE HE IS!

DAN RICHARDS ARRESTED ME! HE SAID THE CHARGE WAS MURDER! BUT I'M INNOCENT!



WE KNOW THAT NOW! YOU'RE FREE TO GO, MANHUNTER! BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT RICHARDS DIDN'T SHIRK HIS DUTY, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT ARRESTING HIS BEST FRIEND!

HE'S A GOOD COP! I'LL SAY THAT FOR HIM!



A BETTER COP THAN YOU KNOW! HE FOUND THE REAL KILLERS AND SAVED YOUR NECK! I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THAT---AS MUCH AS WE DO!

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